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SUBJ: STATUS OF JET PROJECT AND JOINT RESEARCH CENTER

PROGRAM FUNDS

REF: EC BRUSSELS 3214

1. ROLF MOHLER, EC COMMISSIONER BRUNNER'S CHEF DE CABINET
CONFIDED TO MISSION OFFICER THAT A DECISION ON THE JOINT
EUROPEAN TORUS (JET) NUCLEAR FUSION RESEARCH FACILITY
WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE SOUGHT UNTIL EARLY IN THE SECOND
HALF OF 1977. HE CLAIMED THAT THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT
REFUSED TO HAVE ANOTHER EC RESEARCH COUNCIL MEETING UNDER
THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF BRITISH MINISTER OF STATE KAUFMAN AND
WANTED TO WAIT UNTIL BELGIUM ACQUIRED THE EC COUNCIL
PRESIDENCY ON JULY 1. MOHLER DISCOUNTED PRESS REPORTS
THAT JET MIGHT BE TAKEN UP AT THE NEXT FOREIGN MINISTER'S
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COUNCIL ON JUNE 21. HE FEELS, HOWEVER, THAT A JULY
RESEARCH COUNCIL UNDER BELGIAN CHAIRMANSHIP MAY TRY TO
RESOLVE THE ISSUE BEFORE THE AUGUST RECESS.

2. MOST OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT THE TREND WHICH EMERGED
STRONGLY AT THE MARCH 29 RESEARCH COUNCIL MEETING IS STILL
RUNNING IN FAVOR OF LOCATING JET AT GARCHING IN WEST

GERMANY. IF FRANCE IS SATISFIED REGARDING INFORMAL PROGRESS WHICH HAS BEEN MADE REGARDING THE STRUCTURE OF THE JET PROJECT, IT MAY ALSO SWING ITS WEIGHT BEHIND GARCHING LEAVING THE BRITISH SITE, CULHAM, ISOLATED. THE UK HAS SAID PUBLICLY THAT IT WOULD ACCEDE TO AN 8 TO 1 MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF ANY SITE, INCLUDING GARCHING.

2. IN THE MEANTIME, THE UK IS STILL BLOCKING RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR THE FOUR YEAR JOINT RESEARCH CENTER (JRC) PROGRAM WHICH WAS APPROVED AD REFERENDUM ON MARCH 29 SUBJECT TO A BRITISH RESERVE. LACK OF NEW PROGRAM FUNDS WILL BEGIN TO JEOPARDIZE JRC ACTIVITY IN A FEW WEEKS AS A BUDGET ADVANCE APPROVED IN DECEMBER IS ALMOST EXHAUSTED. PENDING APPROVAL OF THE FULL MULTI-ANNUAL PROGRAM (ABOUT 360 MILLION UNITS OF ACCOUNT OR 396 MILLION DOLLARS), JRC OPERATIONS ARE DELAYED AND NEW ACTIVITIES DISCOURAGED. THE ISPRA SECTION OF THE EUROPEAN CIVIL SERVICE LABOR FEDERATION, ON JUNE 2 PROTESTED "THIS DEPLORABLE SITUATION" TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE EC COUNCIL AND TO THE NINE MEMBER STATES AND CALLED FOR EARLY COUNCIL ACTION TO RESOLVE THE MATTER.

3. COMMENT: WHILE MOHLER DID NOT SAY SO, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT COMMISSIONER BRUNNER IS ALSO RELUCTANT TO HOLD ANOTHER RESEARCH COUNCIL UNDER THE UK PRESIDENCY GIVEN THE CRITICISM OF THE COMMISSION EXPRESSED BY BRITISH MINISTER OF ENERGY BENN AT THE LAST RESEARCH COUNCIL (REFTEL).

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